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IDEALIST

EYES ONLY KELLY JOHNSON FROM WENDELL BEVAN

1. IT APPEARS THE TIME HAS COME TO BARE OUR SOULS AND ADVISE YOU OF THE PROGRAMMED PHASE OUT OF THE IDEALIST PROGRAM IN THE NEAR FUTURE. I CAN ONLY ASSUME THAT IN ALL PROBABILITY YOU HAVE BEEN ABLE TO DRAW SOME CONCLUSIONS VIA RUMORS, RENEGOTIATION EFFORTS ON THE PART OF CONTRACTING PERSONNEL, ETC.; HOWEVER, I HAVE ALWAYS FELT THAT IT IS BEST TO BE APPRISED OF ANY MATTER FROM THE SOURCE VERSUS THE RUMOR MILL.

2. WE HAVE JUST RECENTLY COMPLETED THE FINAL NEGOTIATIONS WITH [] AND WITHDRAWAL AND CLOSE DOWN OF DETACHMENT "H" WILL COMMENCE 25 JULY 1974. THE TWO AIRCRAFT WILL BE RETURNED TO THE ZI AND TURNED OVER TO SAC APPROXIMATELY 1 AUGUST 1974. WE HAVE PROGRAMMED A PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT WITHDRAWAL OVER THE SUBSEQUENT 90 DAYS AND FOR ALL INTENTS AND PURPOSES WILL LOCK THE KEY ON THIS DETACHMENT APPROXIMATELY 1 NOVEMBER 1974.

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3. IF I MAY, I WOULD LIKE TO CAUTION THAT ALTHOUGH THIS PHASE OUT HAS IN ALL PROBABILITY BEEN RUMORED, ANTICIPATED AND MAY IN SOME CASES BE OPENLY KNOWN, IT HAS BEEN MUTUALLY AGREED BETWEEN [REDACTED] THAT THE FORMAL, OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION AT THE SITE WILL NOT BE RELEASED UNTIL APPROXIMATELY 23 JULY. OBVIOUSLY, WE WOULD PREFER NOT TO PRE-EMPT EITHER PARTY ON THIS NOTIFICATION.

4. THE NEXT ITEM AT HAND IS THE PHASE OUT OF THE EDWARDS DETACHMENT AND THE ASSUMPTION OF TOTAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE MID EAST EFFORT BY THE AIR FORCE AND SPECIFICALLY THE 100TH WING. WE ARE PRESENTLY IN THE THROES OF COORDINATION AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF THAT WHICH IS NECESSARY TO EFFECT A SMOOTH AND PRACTICAL CHANGEOVER FROM THE AGENCY TO THE AIR FORCE IN PLACE ON 1 AUGUST 1975.

5. THIS IN EFFECT MEANS THE TRANSFER OF THE REMAINING ARTICLE, ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT, ETC. TO THE AIR FORCE FROM DETACHMENT "G" COMMENCING APPROXIMATELY 1 AUGUST. HERE AGAIN, WE ANTICIPATE LOCKING THE DOORS APPROXIMATELY THE END OF THE CALENDAR YEAR OR IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE FIRST OF THE NEW YEAR. IN OUR RECENT

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DISCUSSIONS WITH THE AIR FORCE, THE SUBJECT OF QUALIFIED BLUE
SUIT PERSONNEL BECAME A MAJOR DISCUSSION ITEM. IT IS BASICALLY
REALIZED AND ACCEPTED THAT THE AIR FORCE AND SPECIFICALLY THE
10TH WING DOES NOT HAVE SUFFICIENT BLUE SUIT PERSONNEL TO SATISFY
THE AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE DEPLOYED EDWARDS
DETACHMENT IN THE MID EAST AREA. SINCE WE PRESENTLY HAVE 25X1
CONTRACTOR TYPE PERSONNEL IN PLACE, THE AIR FORCE IS DESIROUS
OF NEGOTIATING A CONTRACT WITH THE APPROPRIATE CONTRACTORS TO
FILL THIS VOID FROM PRESENT IN-HOUSE RESOURCES THAT WILL BECOME
AVAILABLE WITH THE PHASE OUT OF THE IDEALIST PROGRAM. OF 25X1
THESE POSITIONS ARE CURRENTLY LOCKHEED CONTRACTED PERSONNEL, THE
REMAINDER ARE IN THE AREA OF 25X1
WHICH WILL
BE DEALT WITH SEPARATELY. IT IS THE AIR FORCE'S DESIRE THAT THESE
PERSONNEL BE IN PLACE NO LATER THAN 1 AUGUST TO REMAIN UNTIL
31 DECEMBER 1974 AT WHICH TIME THEY FEEL SUFFICIENT TRAINED BLUE
SUIT PERSONNEL WILL BE AVAILABLE TO SATISFY THIS REQUIREMENT.
AS FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL PRESENTLY AT THE
TWO DETACHMENTS ("G" AND "H") THEY WILL START PHASING OUT AND

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to

BEING RETURNED TO YOU DURING THE REMAINDER OF THIS CALENDAR YEAR. YOU CAN ANTICIPATE DISCUSSIONS RELATIVE TO THE ABOVE FROM OUR CONTRACTING PERSONNEL IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE.

6. IT IS REALIZED, FROM THE NORMAL PROCESSING OF PERSONNEL MATTERS, THAT SOME SOLICITING OF INDIVIDUAL DESIRES, REVIEW OF RECORDS, RETIREMENT QUERIES, ETC. WILL OBVIOUSLY HAVE TO BE INITIATED WITHIN YOUR PERSONNEL SYSTEM. WHEN YOU ATTEMPT TO SELECT THE PERSONNEL DESIRED FROM THE TOTAL RESOURCES, IT IS ASSUMED THAT PRUDENT QUERIES AND/OR PROCEDURES IN THE NORMAL COURSE OF THIS EFFORT WOULD BE SUCH AS TO NOT FORMALLY AND OFFICIALLY CONFIRM, AT THIS TIME, THE CLOSE OUT OF DETACHMENT "H".

7. IN ADDITION TO THIS MESSAGE I HAVE ASKED [] TO MAKE A PERSONAL CALL AND APPRISE YOU OF THE SITUATION AND HOPEFULLY WE WILL BE ABLE TO MUTUALLY ACCOMPLISH THIS MATTER WITH AS LITTLE PAIN AS POSSIBLE TO ONE AND ALL. IF I CAN BE OF ANY FURTHER ASSISTANCE IN EFFECTING THIS TRANSITION AS SMOOTHLY AND AS PAINLESSLY AS POSSIBLE, PLEASE DON'T HESITATE TO COMMUNIQUE VIA ANY MEANS YOU DEEM APPROPRIATE.

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END OF MESSAGE
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